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Vandals on 30-mile car graffiti rampage

VANDALS went on a graffiti spree in the county when they spray-painted more than 20 cars, some parked almost 30 miles apart.

Detectives have appealed for help after receiving a flurry of calls from people who awoke on Tuesday morning to find their cars had been daubed with yellow paint.

In Northampton, cars were targeted in Kingsthorpe, The Mounts and Whitehills. The attacks also stretched from the village of Flore to Overthorpe, near Banbury – almost 30 miles away – where vehicles were also damaged.

Cars in Brackley, Middleton Cheney and Potterspury were also attacked.

Vehicles were vandalised with paint in:

- Marston St Lawrence;
- Louise Road, The Mounts, Northampton;
- Washington Street, Kingsthorpe, Northampton;
- Halse Road, Brackley;
- Thenford Road, Middleton Cheney;
- Chetwode, Overthorpe;
- Sutton Street, Flore;
- Bannerman Drive, Brackley;

■ Lynton Avenue, Whitehills, Northampton;

■ High Street, Potterspury.

The attacks are believed to have happened between 10pm on Monday and 7am on Tuesday.

Police revealed they were investigating at least 20 incidents, but said they feared other victims might not yet have reported similar attacks.

Inspector James Pearson said: "We believe the offender may be spraying the cars from the road as they pass by the parked cars in their own vehicle."

"This series of criminal damage is an act of mindless vandalism and we will be working hard to bring the offender or offenders to justice."

"Anyone who has also had their vehicle damaged in a similar way, but has not yet reported it to us, is urged to make contact."

"Officers will be carrying out high-visibility patrols in the areas already targeted to offer reassurance within those communities."

Witnesses can call Northamptonshire Police on 101, or alternatively ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



One of the cars in Louise Road which was attacked by vandals with paint spray

CE picture by JOHN HARRISON

140 accidental deaths in 2 years

CONCERN has been raised after it emerged more than 140 people have died in fatal accidents in Northampton in the space of three years.

New figures from the Public Health Observatories in England reveal between 2008 to 2010, 450 people died accidentally in Northamptonshire, with 142 deaths in Northampton alone.

During the same period, 51 people died of tragic accidents in Daventry and 58 people died in accidents in South Northamptonshire.

The figures encompass deaths from road crashes, falls, and other accidents, and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) has said it hopes lessons will be learned.

Toads saved from death on roads

A NUMBER of people are helping to stop hundreds of toads from dying on the county's roads each night.

Donna Robins, aged 34, of St Crispin Drive, in St Crispin, Northampton, single-handedly rescues between 20 and 50 toads each night as they try to cross the main road near her home to make their annual trek to their breeding site.

Miss Robins, who lives with her partner, Carl Dyke, said: "I try to catch the toads before they get to the main road and then I take them to a local pond where they can breed."

She added: "I feel so sorry for them. You see so many dead on the road and it's so sad, I want to save as many as possible."



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Councillor David Mackintosh (right) with committees members at Adelaide Community Centre

Get tips on growing

TIPS on vegetable growing will be available on two courses at Kelmarsh Hall, led by a kitchen garden expert. The first, No Garden Too Small for Veg, takes place on Saturday, April 14, from 9.30am to 3.30pm. It will look at how to get a mix of decorative and tasty food in a small patch. The second course, Adventures in Vegetables, is on Sunday, April 15, from 9.30am to 3.30pm and is aimed at those with a little more experience or more space for a wider range of vegetables. The cost of each course is £45 or £36 for Royal Horticultural Society members. To book, call Northampton 686543.

Part time work low

NORTHAMPTON-SHIRE has the second lowest number of part-time workers out of the nine counties in the East Midlands, new figures have shown. There are 81,000 part time workers in the county which equates to 23.9 per cent of the workforce.

Students visit house

STUDENTS at Moulton College studying for a Foundation Degree in Countryside and Wildlife Management were treated to a masterclass with woodland operations manager Jonathan Plowe at Boughton House, near Kettering. During their tour of the estate, students saw how private forestry practices were co-ordinated to meet regional demands for timber, wood and woodchip.

Charity to hold fair

RESCUE centre Animals in Need will hold its Easter fair next month. The fair, at the sanctuary's base at Pine Tree Farm in London Road, Little Irchester, from noon until 3pm on Sunday, April 8, will include stalls, a tombola, a lucky dip, competitions, and refreshments. Admission costs £1 per person.

Centres to be run by local people

THE management of 15 community centres will be transferred to local groups by Northampton Borough Council in what is thought to be one of the biggest such handovers in the country.

A ceremony was held at the Alliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre in Adelaide Street, Semilong, last week to mark the transfers to community control.

The move will give local people the power to ensure the centres provide services and facilities that meet the needs of their own community.

Council leader, Councillor David Mackintosh, said: "I am very pleased we are able to facilitate this and make it happen, and to see so many happen in one go is a really great achievement."

"I know from the community I represent, Rectory Farm, that community centres are very much

a part of our neighbourhood. To have the centres run by the community for the community will really make a huge difference."

One group, known as Community Spaces Northampton, will take over seven community centres and this is also thought to be a first. It will run Bellinge, Briar Hill, Kingsthorpe, Rectory Farm, Southfields, Standens Barn and Vernon Terrace community centres, and will also take over the farmhouse at Rectory Farm to use as a central community space, office and a kitchen to support all seven centres.

Other centres being taken over by local groups are Alliston Gardens, Semilong, St James, Spencer Dallington, Camp Hill, Kings Heath, Abington and The Pastures.

The centres are the first of 21 that will be transferred to community management and the final six moves are expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

£50k for project on the shoe industry

ALMOST £50,000 has been spent on a new heritage project which will allow residents to see the social, cultural and economic impact of Northampton's boot and shoe industry.

Northamptonshire County Council's new Global Footprint project, made possible by £49,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and grants from the county council and other bodies, will chart the history of the industry that once

employed thousands of people and produced millions of pairs of boots and shoes.

Councillor Heather Smith from Northamptonshire County Council said: "In Northamptonshire we are extremely proud of our footwear manufacturing industry history. This celebration marks in a tangible way both past and present the wonderful products that have been and still are produced in our county."

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Rom com at theatre

MOULTON Theatre will host a romantic comedy at its base in Cross Street, Moulton, later this year. New York Girl will be performed on May 25 and 26. The plot follows British writer Charles, who lives in New York and is trying to complete a play for Broadway but cannot find any inspiration, after his American friends turn up uninvited at the most inconvenient time. The story follows Charles as he falls in love and finds new inspiration for his play. Tickets cost £5 to £6. Visit www.ticklememorbid.co.uk.

New trainer at chamber

NORTHAMPTON-SHIRE Chamber has appointed a new trainer to deliver its International Trade courses. Margaret Chadwick will be teaching subjects including export and import documentation, Incoterms, tariff, commodity codes, Intrastat, inward processing relief, duties and VAT, letters of credit.

Dentist top fund-raiser

A DENTIST from Northamptonshire has been recognised for her fund-raising efforts for a cancer charity. Janine Brooks, aged 56, from Watford village was announced as the top individual fund-raiser for the Mouth Cancer Foundation's 10km Awareness Walk. The walk is designed to raise much-needed awareness of mouth cancer, which continues to affect more and more people every year. Janine, who works in Oxford and Wessex Deanery, as the associate postgraduate dental dean, raised £390.

Race night for cricket

A RACE night to raise money for Hardingstone Cricket Club raised £474. The event took place at The Sun Inn, in High Street, on Friday to coincide with the last day of the Cheltenham Festival.



Thirty over-55s on Northampton Town Football Club's Extra Time project walked or jogged a mile for Sport Relief

Over-55s group walks track for Sport Relief

A SPONSORED walk around the Sixfields athletics track raised £150 for Sport Relief.

Participants of the Extra Time project – which has received funding from the charity event in the past – walked or jogged a mile around the track during their weekly session.

The project is run by Northampton Town Football Club and offers activities and workshops to the over-55s to help them keep active.

Thirty people on the project's current course each received a medal for taking part.

Russell Lewis, manager of football in the community, said: "They all decided to do this for Sport Relief because it's nice to give something back."

"I thought it was a great effort by everybody and they did it with enthusiasm. It was very competitive."

Anyone interested in joining Extra Time can email trudie.kirby@ntfc.tv

Pair win appeal against council on work to home

A COUPLE who asked Northampton Borough Council to build a £30,000 extension on to their rented house, have won an appeal against the authority's decision to refuse funding the work.

The couple, who have not been named, asked the council to alter their privately-rented home because one of them had been diagnosed with a progressively degenerating illness.

The council refused, initially offering them a council house instead, but then agreeing to install a stairlift and an upstairs "wet-room" at their rented home.

Despite the council's move, the couple complained to the Local Government Ombudsman about the way the council had dealt with the request.

She found in their favour, saying the couple – referred to as Mr and Mrs Beech, although this was not their real names – had suffered "considerable stress and anxiety" and been living in "difficult conditions" following the council's decision, which she considered to be a "considerable injustice".

Discussing the council's offer to move the couple into a council property, she said: "The

couple say they were misled by the council into believing they had to consider a move to a council-owned property. It was not their intention to move, but they felt they had to consider moving in order to get Mr Beech the facilities on the ground floor that would meet his needs.

"The current arrangements have made the property more cramped and the whole family is affected."

The council had argued the couple could have been asked to move out of their rented home soon after the extension was built.

But the ombudsman said the council could not refuse to do the work for that reason and pointed out that if somebody left a house within five years of it being adapted, they had to pay back a proportion of the grant.

The ombudsman ruled that the council should pay the couple £5,250 in compensation and provide the funding needed for any future adaptations of their home, including an extension if one was needed.

It also has to provide respite care for the couple while any work is done and carry out staff training.

Members of the council's cabinet will discuss the report during a meeting at the Guildhall next week.

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Ann Timson, wearing her red coat, tackles a gang of armed robbers last year

Award from Queen for Supergran

A HERO pensioner who tackled a gang of jewellery store robbers will receive the Queen's Commendation for Bravery.

Northampton resident Ann Timson, aged 72, received worldwide fame and was dubbed "Supergran" after tackling a gang of robbers in Gold Street in February last year.

She has since won numerous plaudits in recognition of her bravery, including a Pride of Britain Award and a High Sheriff's award.

Officials from Downing Street have announced Mrs Timson has been singled out for the Queen's bravery award alongside Pc Bill Barker who will receive the honour posthumously after he was swept to his death while directing traffic away from a flooded river in Cumbria in 2009.

Others who will also receive

Queen's awards include two men who tackled an armed man on a submarine in Southampton last year, a mentor to the Afghan police who tackled an insurgent armed with a rocket launcher in 2010 and a safari guide who stood in the way of a charging elephant during the filming of a children's television programme in 2009.

Mrs Timson said she was honoured and surprised to be included in such company.

She said: "It is a true honour to receive this award, especially when my name is included alongside those of so many brave people."

A date for when Mrs Timson will receive her award has not yet been announced.

It is believed she will receive the honour from Penelope Escombe, the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, during a ceremony which will be held in the county later in the year.

Fire incidents in the county have dropped

THE number of incidents the county's fire service has been called out to has dropped by more than 17 per cent in the past three years.

The latest figures released by Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service show it attended 8,827 incidents in 2008-9 compared with 7,304 in 2010-11 thanks to a significant reduction in the number of fires at commercial buildings and homes.

Area manager David Harding said: "We've had considerable success in achieving a downward trend in incidents since we

had a peak in 2003-4. We've embraced a targeted programme of education, which starts with our schools programme and high risk groups. We're continuing with our programme to ensure every home has a working smoke alarm through home safety fire checks because domestic fires represent the biggest risk of being injured or killed."

Other figures released by the service show the number of accidental fires at commercial premises dropped from 288 in 2009-10 by 14 per cent to 248 last year.

Time for a nettle nosh

CONSERVATION group South Court Environment will hold its regular Nettle Nosh event at Abington Lodge Barn in Northampton tonight. Visitors to the event, from 6.30pm until 8.30pm, can enjoy nettle soup made with cream and herbs and served with chunky bread. Entry is free, but donations for ingredients would be appreciated. For more details call Susan on 01933 275257, email sce@talktalk.net, or visit scenorthampton.org

Save cash on tickets

THERE are just a few days left for classic car enthusiasts to save money on tickets for this year's Silverstone Classic. The three-day racing festival takes place at Silverstone circuit from July 20 to 22. Tickets discounted by up to 27 per cent are available up to March 31. To book call 08712 310849 or visit www.silverstoneclassic.com

Give blood at session

BLOOD donors can attend a donation session in Northampton early next month. NHS Blood and Transplant will be at the Methodist Church Hall in Welford Road, Kingsthorpe, from 1.15pm until 3.30pm, and from 4.30pm until 7.15pm, on Wednesday, April 4. Attendance by appointment is strongly recommended. To book an appointment, call 03001 232323.

Social event for group

MEMBERS of a Facebook group, known as Northampton Past, held their second social evening and raised funds for charity. The event at the Ex-Servicemen's Club, in Sheep Street, Northampton, attracted almost 150 people, including members from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece and Finland. A raffle raised £460 for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice in Kettering Road, Northampton.

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Go VIP at racecourse

A VIP hospitality package for a race day at Towcester Racecourse next month will raise money for the Alzheimer's Society in memory of former Cobblers player Roly Mills. Mr Mills, who played for Northampton Town from 1954-64 before going on to manage the club's reserve team, died last February, aged 76. A hospitality package at Towcester Racecourse for Tuesday, April 24, will include a four-course meal, entertainment, advice from a professional tipster, and private betting. It costs £75 per person. Anyone interested can call 01327 353414 to find out more.

Campaign on rubbish

A SIX-MONTH pilot to tackle littering and fly-tipping in Daventry has seen 22 fixed penalty notices handed out. The campaign was launched in October by Daventry District Council to combat environmental crime in 'hotspot' areas and has resulted in 18 fines being issued for littering and four for fly-tipping. Money raised from enforcement fines is ring-fenced and goes back towards the cost of enforcement at the council. To report fly-tipping and littering in Daventry ring 01327 871100 or email environmentalimprovement@daventrydc.gov.uk

Workshops on pets

PETS at Home in Northampton will host a series of free pet workshops for children throughout the Easter school holidays to celebrate National Pet Month. The session will take place every day at 3pm and are designed to educate, inform and entertain children. Visit www.petsathome.com

Volunteers are needed

NHS BLOOD and Transplant is appealing for volunteers to attend a blood donor session. The next sessions will take place at St Giles Rooms in St Giles Terrace in Northampton on Friday from 1pm to 3.30pm and from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. For details or to book an appointment call 0300 123 23 23.



Earl Spencer (second from right) pictured with John Helm, Pamela Nock, Sue Bowness, Silas Wilde and Alison Treacher at the presentation of a cheque for £2,000 to Cynthia Spencer Hospice

Company wild about raising hospice cash

EARL Spencer has presented a donation of more than £2,000 to Cynthia Spencer Hospice on behalf of a Northampton business.

The Wilde Group, based on land owned by the Earl in Harlestone Firs, New Duston, chose the hospice in Kettering Road, Northampton, as its charity of 2011 and raised £2,191.70.

Earl Spencer presented the funds to the charity earlier this week on behalf of The Wilde Group, which is a business operating from Northamptonshire

in industrial, commercial and retail sectors, providing fencing, fabrications and joinery.

Health and safety manager at the firm, Alison Treacher, said: "We are really pleased with the amount we managed to raise."

"The charity was decided after a ballot among staff members. We all decided we wanted to support a local charity."

Funds were raised through a variety of events, including cake sales, Easter egg raffles and auctions.

'We will not lose ethos of school'

A HEADTEACHER of a Church of England primary school in Northampton has reassured parents that the school would not lose its Christian ethos by becoming part of an academy structure.

A meeting was held at Weston Favell CofE Primary School as part of a consultation into plans to convert the school into an academy.

It is proposed that Weston Favell would become part of an academy trust of five primary schools including Abington Vale, Ecton Brook, Lings and Headlands.

One parent asked Jill Ramshaw, headteacher at Weston Favell, whether it was right for the school to join with the other four as it was a Church of England school.

But Mrs Ramshaw said she thought the five headteachers all had the same vision and values

and would challenge each other to improve standards.

She said: "I would say all the schools have the best interests of their schools at heart."

"We are very proud to be a Church of England school and that will be maintained. I'm passionate about maintaining the Christian ethos."

Mrs Ramshaw said she had looked at other options, including bringing in an outside sponsor or linking up with other church schools, but believed the collaboration with the other four primary schools' headteachers was the best choice.

She said: "I don't want an outside sponsor coming in and telling me how to run the school. I want to us to maintain the Weston Favell way."

"I passionately believe that this group of people will help improve our school."

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Brother was given flag in memory

ON THEIR visit to Malaysia, Christine Considine's father, Dennis Carpenter, was presented with a Union Flag that had adorned the coffin containing the remains of the passengers of the crashed Dakota.

The gift represented the 83-year-old's part in initiating the search for the bodies of the crash victims.

Mr Carpenter wrote to the Malaysian authorities in November 2007 to ask for a map of the crash site, wanting to find out more about what happened to his brother. But the letter ended up at the British High Commissioner's office, sparking a 150-strong expedition in November 2008 that was able to successfully excavate the crash

site and retrieve the remains of the crew and passengers.

Mrs Considine said: "It overwhelmed both of us. All the other families were absolutely in agreement my father should have the flag because if it wasn't for him writing the letter, none of this would have happened."

On August 25, 1950, the RAF Dakota KN630 was near Kempong Jendera, dropping smoke markers to help Lincoln bombers target communist camps in the Malaysian jungle as part of a conflict known as the Malayan Emergency.

Investigations found the plane completed one successful run, but during a second run it suffered engine failure.

Family's pilgrimage to bid an emotional farewell to navigator

THE niece of an RAF navigator, who died when his aircraft crashed in the Malaysian jungle during a conflict in 1950, has made an emotional 6,500-mile pilgrimage to see his remains buried with military honours.

Geoff Carpenter was on board RAF Dakota KN630, from 52 Squadron, which took off from its base at RAF Changi, in Singapore, on August 25, 1950, for a mission, but never returned.

Nine days later, a rescue party found the plane, which had crashed into a ravine after suffering engine failure.

Due to the difficult terrain and ongoing conflict, all 12 crew and passengers who died in the crash, were buried nearby in a shallow grave that lay undisturbed for more than 50 years.

Last week, more than 60 years after his death, Mr Carpenter's only brother, Dennis, now aged 83, and the niece he never knew, Christine Considine, from Rothersthorpe, travelled to Malaysia to see the airman's remains, together with those of the other crash victims, buried with military honours in a single grave in the Cheras Road Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery in Kuala Lumpur.

Mrs Considine said it had been an emotional journey.

She said: "I was a complete wreck. My father was far more composed than I was, but he was very, very moved by it all."

She added: "It was an absolutely beautiful service. I'm still quite overwhelmed by it now."

"It was quite early in the morning because of the heat and humidity, and there were probably about 80 people there, including the British High Commissioner, Malayan police, Malayan army, British Army and RAF."

"There were representatives of all the countries involved who had people on the plane, and lots of different organisations laid wreaths."

After the ceremony, the families were invited to the British High Commissioner's residency, where they were given copies of their loved ones' service records, as well as an Elizabeth Cross medal, which recognises their loss and sacrifice.

Mrs Considine said: "It was a wonderful day."

"We met some people who had gone into the jungle in the search party in November 2008."

"It was lovely to speak to some of the people that had done all the hard work to get us to this point, and to be able to thank them for everything they had done."

"It's absolutely incredible all this has happened and we feel so lucky we were able to go out to Malaysia to say our goodbyes to Geoff properly."



Christine Considine and her father Dennis Carpenter at the graveside of Geoff Carpenter in Kuala Lumpur

The Malayan emergency:

- British, Commonwealth and other security forces fought Communist insurgents between 1948 and 1960.
- The Communist Party of Malaya sought Malayan independence.
- Britain mounted a large-scale military and political counter-insurgency operation, but agreed to eventual independence.
- In 1957 Malaya became independent. The state of emergency ended in 1960.

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A SHOE belonging to a workman who has helped to modernise Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, was concealed under new flooring to pay homage to an age-old tradition believed to bring good fortune.

Mark Elliot's shoe was yesterday concealed under new flooring in the museum as part of a major modernisation.

Councillor Brandon Eldred, Northampton Borough Council cabinet member responsible for museums, said: "The tradition of concealing shoes in buildings to ward off evil spirits is intriguing. Builders are often the ones who find them as they carry out renovations, so it somehow seems fitting that one of the builders who is helping to modernise our museum has been asked to donate his old work shoes for concealment."

Councillor Brandon Eldred, shoe resource officer Rebecca Shawcross and workman Mark Elliot concealing the shoes

Women's charity set to close down

A CHARITY which helps hundreds of vulnerable young women in Northampton including teenage mothers is closing its centre in the town, it has been announced.

Platform 51, formerly the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), runs 15 centres in the country, including one in Castilian Terrace in the town centre.

But chairman of trustees, Helen Wollaston, said the charity was being forced to close the Northampton, Truro and Plymouth centres to make the organisation more "financially viable".

Mrs Wollaston said: "Platform 51 ended last year with a substantial financial deficit and this is simply not sustainable. Like every other charity and indeed every other business in the country, we have been affected by the economic recession. Against this difficult economic background we are committed to ensuring that we continue to deliver the best possible services to vulnerable and isolated girls and women."

"During the past year, we have looked at different ways to save money including through increased efficiency, by not replacing people who leave and other cost savings."

"We now need to review the structure of the charity to ensure that we can continue to de-



Jade Simon, 19, and her son Jaiden, Chloe Linnell, 21, Natasha Rendell, 16, Demi West, 15 and Ayesha Parry, 14, with Chloe's son Robert, 2, protesting about the closure of Platform 51

liver services, provide a voice for our girls and women, and that we as an organisation are financially viable, just like any other organisation needs to be.

"We have just concluded the first phase of a thorough consultation with staff and trade union representatives about the best and most affordable structure that will secure our future. Regrettably, we are forced to close three of our centres, namely Truro, Plymouth and Northampton, and make some redundancies at our headquarters in Oxford."

Natasha Rendell, aged 16, who regularly uses the Platform 51 centre in Northampton, said she had benefited greatly from the services offered to her.

She said: "Platform 51 gives

people the chance to retake their exams and helps young mums who need support.

"It has really helped me move forward and given me more confidence and I don't want to start going backwards."

"There is nowhere else like it in the town and I don't want to travel outside Northampton as it would not be easy for me to get there."

About 10 staff are believed to be employed at Platform 51 in Northampton and, in the past year, the centre has been in regular contact with 450 girls and women.

The Northampton centre also offers creche facilities and runs parenting skills programmes and workshops for young mums.

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Blogger to travel the world by bike

A WOMAN who grew up in a Northampton council house is preparing to embark on a challenge to travel around the world using only boats and a bicycle.

Keen traveller and physiotherapist Rubina Soorty, aged 27, was inspired by a patient who travelled extensively while suffering from motor neurone disease.

Miss Soorty, who is currently working in London, will keep a blog of her travels – expected to last two years – and hopes to do voluntary physiotherapy work in India.

She said: “It’s so easy these days to travel. I wanted something where I had to push myself more than normal.”

The idea for her latest adventure came, she said, “when my boss asked me ‘where do you want to be next year?’ I thought what do I really want to do?”

She has spent the last five months planning, ready to leave on April 18.

“I’m not going to know each day where I’m going to be,” she said.

“I’m definitely frightened about that, but it’s something I really want to do.”

Miss Soorty will be riding a



Condor touring bike with a dynamo hub that will charge her phone and satnav while she pedals up to 120 miles every day.

After going to France, she will head through Italy, Croatia and Greece into Turkey, and then decide on a route through the middle east to India and China, from where she will sail to Japan.

She said: “I’ve planned a basic route but I quite like being spontaneous.”

“Some of my friends think I’m crazy, some of them think it’s amazing. They’re really sup-

portive and want to come out and meet me.”

Miss Soorty, who holds a skipper’s licence, was born in Burma before her family moved to Wheatfield Road, in Abington, where she lived with her Pakistani father, English mother and two brothers. The former pupil of Weston Favell Upper School said the idea of travelling on plane or train did not appeal to her: “You find you meet more of the locals if you do something on land, and for me travelling is about meeting the locals.”

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Neighbour made my life a daily nightmare

BEING a single female in my 20s, living alone, I was unhappy at the idea of approaching a man I knew to have a drinking problem, especially since I had been forced on occasion to call out the police when his girlfriend was screaming for help. I approached my housing officer with the issues and was sent diary sheets in the post to complete. If you have had similar issues you will know these problems can come and go and at times you can go days, weeks or even months without a noise, so keeping a diary of times,



The Mercury decided not to name the victim who suffered years of torment from noisy neighbours

length, and type of noise, is essential to build any case.

When the man was advised of the complaint – although these are made confidentially – he immediately started his payback in the form of intimidation and harassment. Sometimes he would confront me in the hallway and start shouting, but mostly he would watch for me as I came in or out of the car park, lift up his net curtains, press his face to the glass and stare at me.

I had listening equipment in my home after completing diary sheets and luckily I was able to obtain good evidence, which after analysing, they concluded caused anti-social behaviour.

The housing association took him to court to have him evicted. I had to stand up and give evidence as I was the only resident willing to do this, although many had complained over the years. Fortunately we won the case and he was given 30 days to leave the property.

Unfortunately, my peace was quickly shattered and I started to have problems with the man who lived in the flat above me on the second floor. I couldn't believe it. What are the chances?

After a year of battling one problem, I was back in touch with my housing officer about another.

He would stay quiet for a few weeks at a

time and I would think everything was okay, but just as soon as I started to relax the noise would start and soon it wasn't just him causing the issues and it wasn't just me complaining. He was so loud at times my neighbour beneath me could hear it.

I ended up having to be signed off work from February 2008 for almost a year because the effects of the problem, the stress and the fact I was unable to get a night's sleep undisturbed.

I was put on anti-depressants to try to cope with the problem but I knew that no amount of medication was going to help me.

I decided to stay and fight my corner. It took me two years on the council housing list to get this place, and besides, why should I be pushed out of my own home when I was playing by the rules?

I was not going to let this man win, but because of his irregularity at times of the noise being caused, trying to get solid proof was not that easy.

I had the noise equipment put in twice from environmental health and on both occasions he stayed quiet the whole week.

I went back to work in February 2009 but only managed to keep hold of a job for eight months before the stress and sheer exhaustion of not being able to sleep meant I was once again signed off work.

This time for another two years.

I became so incredibly depressed I spent around 12 to 16 hours a day sleeping when I could, with very uncomfortable earplugs in, and when I did get out I suffered severe panic attacks. I was back on medication as much as I didn't want to be.

I was unable to handle things any more and by 2010 I hit rock bottom. I was paranoid and practically agoraphobic by this time, too scared to leave my own home.

I started cutting myself regularly as I had no other way to let out the pain and frustration. I didn't know what else to do or how else to express my feelings and how much I just wanted to give up on everything.

Eventually, I moved out of my home and into a small one bedroom house 10 minutes out of town. I was devastated to have to leave a flat, which although it had been the scene of many years of stress and misery, it had also become my sanctuary, my home. Although I feel better in myself and occasionally even feel happy, I am not over the ordeal by far.

I am borderline agoraphobic so barely ever leave the house, I suffer from severe anxiety and panic attacks and I still struggle to sleep properly.

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Council vows to tackle anti-social neighbours

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ENVIRONMENTAL health officers at Northampton Borough Council have vowed to crack down heavily on anti-social neighbours if efforts to resolve problems amicably are ignored.

The council has said it will usually attempt to resolve noise nuisance issues without heavy-handed punishments, but warned it was willing to use powers to take legal action and even confiscate stereos and televisions if problems persisted.

The council revealed it received 1,911 requests to deal with noise nuisance in 2010/11. In the last 12 months it has received 1,777 calls.

The way each complaint is ultimately resolved can range from mediation or a quiet word of warning

to the issuing of ASBOs, heavy fines and even eviction.

Leader of the council, Councillor David Mackintosh (*Con, Rectory Farm*), said: "The first thing that happens is someone puts in a complaint. We then take steps to address the problem by talking to the people who are potentially causing the problems. If that doesn't result in any improvement the next stage we would consider is mediation.

"The route we take is to try to resolve the issues without going into a formal process."

If that doesn't work diary sheets are issued to the victims and noise monitoring equipment can be installed. However, more draconian punishments are also available.

In the last 12 months the council has issued 24 noise abatement notices and carried out one seizure of

equipment.

Ruth Austen, environmental health manager, said: "Music is the most significant problem, followed by general neighbour noise of moving around a property and then general actions or excessive actions, like banging doors.

"One thing we do have a problem with is in flats with regards to every-day living and children. In that case we will make an informal approach but probably won't take any formal action."

Most people change their behaviour, the council said. However, for those who do not the punishments can be severe.

Mrs Austen said: "There is a great deal of frustration and stress. I am amazed at the tolerance of people. But people should be reassured that the processes are there and a system is in place to help and support them."

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Complaints on abuse of adults on increase

COMPLAINTS about abuse of vulnerable Northamptonshire people in council or NHS care have gone up more than five-fold in three years.

The annual report, by the county's Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults, showed referrals leapt 37 per cent in the last 12 months, with the majority of the suspected victims being elderly people who were physically or mentally abused.

There was also a nine per cent rise in the number of mentally ill pensioners who alleged abuse.

Liam Condon, head of the Northampton branch of Age UK said abuse often resulted from being seen as a burden or inconvenient or that their conditions are too difficult to manage. He said: "It's often very easy to abuse these people because they don't have a voice."

"But the general issue is the extent to which people are seen as human beings."

The annual report of Northamptonshire Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults Board (SOVA) – made up of members such as police, NHS bosses, local councils and an independent chair – said there were 2,403 complaints in 2010/2011,

413 of which were upheld.

Back in 2007/2008 there were 436 complaints made.

The report claimed the rise in abuse referrals was expected.

It said that the reasons were identical to previous years; awareness of what may be a warning sign has been raised through better staff training and also high-profile news stories such as the death of 17-month-old Peter Connelly in London.

Two serious case reviews that happened in Northamptonshire in the time of the new report, will also have had an impact.

One was over elderly couple Jean and Derrick Randall, who were found dead at their home in Kingsthorpe, Northampton, which was published in August 2010.

The other, published in October 2010, was on the deaths of six dementia residents after neglect at the now-closed Parkside House Nursing Home in Kingsley, Northampton.

Mr Condon added: "One of our concerns is that people read this and see it as just another report."

"But they mustn't get weary of it, they should be frightened of this because if we don't do something about it you can expect to be a victim of abuse yourself in future years."



The press conference in August 2010 held after the serious case review into the death of Jean and Derrick Randall who were found dead at their homes in Kingsthorpe

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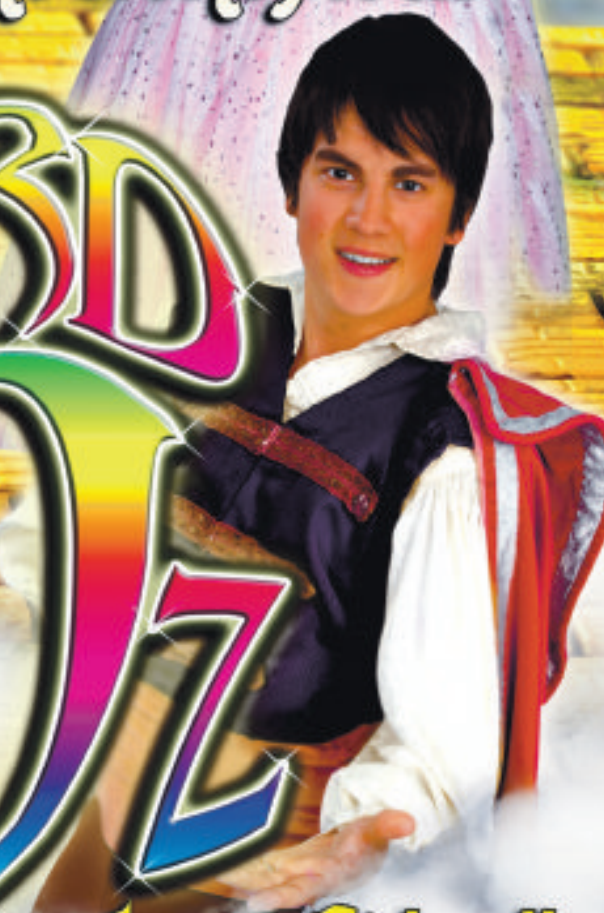


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Hilda Shaw from Duston has featured as a victim of a rogue builder in the BBC1 show *The Sheriffs Are Coming*

'Builder tricked me out of £4,000'

A NORTHAMPTON pensioner has appeared on a new TV series after she was conned out of £4,000 by a rogue builder.

Hilda Shaw, aged 86, from Duston was featured on the BBC 1 show, *The Sheriffs Are Coming*, a 10-part series which follows High Court Enforcement Officers, also known as sheriffs, from The Sheriffs Office in Croydon, as they help members of the public who are owed money.

The grandmother-of-two paid a builder £4,000 out of her savings to do some work on her roof in June, however the work carried out was shoddy and unnecessary.

She said: "By the time I realised what was happening I thought I had got in a situation I couldn't get out of."

"I knew that the work they were doing wasn't right and that they were overcharging me but I was worried that if they stopped the work then the roof would fall in."

Mrs Shaw, who has one son, said she confided in a friend who helped her take

action against the builder.

She got a County Court judgment and a High Court writ against the builder and the sheriffs confronted the builder, who was based in Wellingborough, to ask for her money back.

Mrs Shaw, who said she lost weight, had trouble sleeping and suffered with bad nerves while the work was going on, added: "I was so distressed. I was worried sick about it all and my self esteem was so low."

"I couldn't seem to speak up to the builders."

She said: "I wanted to go on the show to warn other people that things like these do happen."

"I want people to avoid getting into the same situation that I did."

"People should never hand over money without being sure and they should always get a second opinion on work from family or friends. I just hope the show can help others."

The results of the action taken by the sheriffs will be shown on the show until tomorrow (Friday), at 11am.

Appeal pays for first op

A CHARITY appeal to help a sick dog walk again has raised enough funds for the first stage of his operation.

Annie Marriott, the manager of Animals in Need in Little Irchester, Northamptonshire, has been raising funds to pay for one-year-old Labrador-cross, Sidney's hip operation.

The pet has undergone the first stage of his operation, which will cost £2,000 in total, and is currently recovering in a Northampton foster home, where Annie said he is doing "great".

She will complete a sponsored 3,560ft climb of

Mount Snowdon with shelter volunteer Mandy Drage on May 20, to raise the rest of the funds needed for the second and final stage of the hip operation.

She said: "He's such a lovely dog and it is so sad to see him in pain."

"I just knew that I had to do whatever I could to help him."

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Music night in memory of baby Cayden

A CHARITY music night to be held in Northampton next month will raise money in memory of a baby who died from a rare congenital heart condition.

Cayden Crowson was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome in December 2010.

The condition, which affects about one per cent of babies, meant the left-hand side of his heart did not work.

After undergoing open heart surgery at four days old, Cayden returned home to his parents, Heather and Richard, in Irchester, and the couple's elder son Oliver, aged three, for five weeks.

But in mid-February, Cayden took a turn for the worse during a second operation at Great Ormond Street Hospital

in London.

He died of a heart attack exactly 10 weeks after he was born.

Since Cayden's death, his family has raised more than £7,000 for the hospital's work.

Mrs Crowson, who was born and brought up in Northampton, said: "Cayden's problem was noticed at my 20-week scan.

"They said the left-hand side of his heart wasn't working at all.

"We were told he had about a 60 per cent chance of survival if he had open heart surgery at three or four days old, and were given the option of an abortion, but decided to proceed.

"It came as such a big shock to us. You think 'I should be looking at scan pictures of my baby, and going home knowing everything is ok'.

"There were so many

things that went through our minds."

After Cayden's death, the family decided to raise money for the hospital to keep his memory alive. Mrs Crowson said: "What Great Ormond Street does is incredible, and without people supporting them and fundraising it wouldn't be possible."

The next fund-raising event will be held at Monks Park Working Men's Club, in Wellingborough Road, Northampton, on Saturday, June 16.

It will include music from two live bands, a raffle and a silent auction.

Tickets cost £5 and are available by calling 07943 852405, or emailing heather.crowson@ntlworld.com.

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Critic's advice to local food firms

A TOP restaurant critic gave businesses in South Northamptonshire tips on promoting themselves as a new food lover's guide to the area was launched.

Jay Rayner, a regular presenter on BBC television's *The One Show* as well as a restaurant reviewer for *The Observer*, visited an event at Towcester Racecourse for independent businesses.

Many of those invited were independent producers of food and the respected critic advised them to stop battling against supermarkets and concentrate on what was unique about them.

He said: "That's not something that's new. What people would like to hear about is how you got started in business. Perhaps it was something a bit crazy... you sell eggs and were interested in a particular breed of hen and that's how it all started."

"You want to get people interested in you and what your story is, so they are then interested in what you do."

He added: "I'm not against the principle of supermarkets. But I think small businesses need to stop defining

themselves against these huge companies."

The event was the launch of the *Taste for All Seasons* guide, published by South Northamptonshire Council.

It lists hundreds of good pubs, restaurants and cafes in the south of the county that use local produce.

Businesses at the launch took along their produce and saw the event as a chance to pick up both tips and business.

Laura Wesley, of Porterswood Farm, just outside Towcester, said: "Ideally we're looking for restaurants who will take our eggs."

"We really believe in getting them to local businesses where they will be fresh from Northamptonshire."

Others included chocolatiers Belfair, of Brackley. Master chocolatier Stefaan Moyaert said he wanted to keep his chocolates in the local area to keep control of how they are sold.

He said: "We sell within a small area so we know the shops will have the knowledge to inform the customers."

"For us, the advantage in being local is being able to give the customer an informed choice."



Food critic Jay Rayner at the launch of A Taste For All Seasons



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Praise for firm's attitude

FOLLOWING his visit to the Cosworth factory in St James, Prince Andrew described the Formula 1 engine manufacturer as a 'go-getting firm' which he was certain would be increasingly successful in the future.

During his tour of the factory, the Duke of York met a number of staff and chatted to them about their work at the pinnacle of motorports engineering.

The firm's chief executive, Tim Routsis, who showed the Duke around the factory, said he was delighted to host the Royal visit, particularly because the Prince had personally requested to see Cosworth's facilities.

He said: "It's a great honour for a company like Cosworth to get a visit from a member of

the Royal family and this was a visit he'd asked for himself as he had heard about the work we do here."

The Prince toured the factory for over an hour and saw the firm's work in the aerospace and defence industries, as well as its Formula 1 projects, which include making engines for both the Marussia and HRT teams.

Mr Routsis said: "The Prince took a great interest in what we're doing at the company."

"He had a remarkable grasp of the subject and the environment companies like Cosworth work in."

The Prince also confirmed he was very impressed with the depth of knowledge and technical expertise on show

at the Northampton factory.

He said: "I was very impressed with what I saw at Cosworth. It's a go-getting company that is certainly going places."

The Prince's tour of the Cosworth factory was the second high-profile visit to the facility in the past few days.

Last week, members of the House of Commons Business, Innovation and Skills Committee visited the factory to see for themselves the work being carried out there.

During their visit, the MPs who make up the committee described firms like Cosworth as 'the future of engineering' because of their commitment to training apprentice engineers.



Duke is optimistic about town future



PRINCE Andrew says he believes Northampton is a vibrant town with businesses which are working well to beat the global economic downturn.

The UK's former Special Representative for International Trade and Investment spent several hours touring the town and meeting some of the area's top business leaders and education specialists.

During his visit, the Prince toured the Cosworth factory in St James, Northampton College's expanded campus in Booth Lane, and the home of the Northampton Sea Cadets, next to the town's new marina in Becket's Park.

Speaking after the visits, he said the expertise he had seen on show gave him optimism for the area's future.

He said: "This area of the UK has certainly had its difficulties in the past."

"The shoe industry, for example, has had its problems. But the real top end of that market is now coming back really well."

"We've also got brands here

that are well known throughout the world and there's a vibrant centre of the manufacturing industry here too."

"And I think it's a base that's not going away, it's going to stay."

"So it's not all gloom and depression. I think there is a really positive atmosphere here."

One of the highlights of the Prince's tour came at the Cosworth factory in St James, where he saw the company's Formula 1 engines being put through their paces on a computer simulation of the Malaysian circuit, where they will race at the weekend.

He also saw examples of the firm's work in the aerospace, defence and road car industries, which he said he was incredibly impressed with.

He said: "High technology manufacturing is something I've been interested in for a number of years and it's good to see that manufacturing is building back up again and returning to the UK."

He also said he hoped that apprenticeship training schemes carried out by firms such as Cosworth, and engineering train-

ing courses such as those held at Northampton College, would encourage more young people to consider engineering as a career.

He said: "I think engineering is perceived as being much more exciting these days. It's not got that 'nuts and bolts' image it once had."

"I think it's a fascinating career."

During his visit, the Prince also officially opened the new look college and met several of the town's civic dignitaries, including the chairman of Northamptonshire County Council, Councillor Ron Sawbridge (Con, Brackley West) and the Mayor of Northampton, Councillor Jamie Lane (Con, Boothville).

The Mayor said he felt Northampton had been honoured to have such a long visit from the Prince.

He said: "It's been a beautiful day with lovely weather and the Prince was in really good spirits."

"I think he was really impressed with everything he saw and it was great to show him the best parts of the town. It was a wonderful experience."

Cadets honoured by visit

YOUNG members of the Northampton Sea Cadets, who saw Prince Andrew during his visit to their base in Becket's Park, said they were delighted to see the Royal ... even if they were not all sure who he was.

During his visit to the cadets' base, the Duke of York inspected the cadets and unveiled a plaque commemorating his visit.

Caroline Chisholm School pupil, Dan Watts, aged 12, who was among the cadets at the event, said: "It was very exciting because it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see a member of the Royal family. But I wasn't really that sure who he was."

His friend, 12-year-old James Pedro, added: "It was very exciting and nice to see him unveiling the plaque."



Lt Chris Read, the Commanding Officer of the sea cadets, added: "It was an absolute honour to have the Duke of York here and he was very impressed with the ca-

detes." The cadets are due to be given the freedom of Northampton on Saturday and will march through the town on Sunday morning.

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Nurse's farewell to hospice after 20 years' service

A POPULAR nurse at a Northampton palliative care centre is to retire after more than 20 years' service.

Pauline Mallard has been matron at Cynthia Spencer Hospice for 10 years and has worked at the centre in Kettering Road for a further 13 years in other nursing roles.

But the 59-year-old, who lives in Duston, performed her duties last Thursday for the final time.

She said: "It's emotional. I have been here a long while, and the hospice has been a big part of my life."

Mrs Mallard first started work at the hospice as a bank nurse. She said: "I walked in the door and thought: 'Yes, this is for me', and I've never been anywhere else since."

"I started as a bank nurse, became an enrolled nurse, then did a conversion course and became

a staff nurse, progressing on to be junior sister, sister, and matron."

During her time at the hospice Mrs Mallard has seen it move to a new building, as well as a number of changes within palliative care itself, including new treatments for more complex symptoms.

She said the challenge during that time had been to keep things as normal as possible for patients.

She said: "With everything that goes on behind the scenes, with the changes of government and PCTs, as long as the patients don't have a clue what's going on, that's the important thing."

"That's what we're here for – them and their families."

"I have never ever lost my passion for palliative care," she added.

"Cynthia Spencer Hospice is a wonderful place to work."

"We may only see people for a very short time in their lives, but

it's a very important time, and it is a privilege."

"I have met some wonderful people over the years in patients, relatives and staff."

"I'd like to thank everybody that has supported and helped me over the years."

Mrs Mallard has plenty to keep her busy in her retirement, with her son Richard and daughter Helen both getting married within four weeks of each other in summer, and two grandchildren to draw her attention. But she will stay on the hospice's books as a bank nurse, returning when she is needed.

Sister Wendy Whiting has worked with Mrs Mallard for 10 years at the hospice.

She said: "Pauline is a brilliant nurse. She's kind and caring, and her door is always open."

"Even when she's really busy she has always got time to go around and see patients."

"We will miss her."

Transport vital to stop TB

A COUNTY charity has joined the call to "stop tuberculosis in our lifetime" ... the message on World TB Day.

But the CEO of Pitsford-based Riders for Health, Andrea Coleman, has warned without a commitment to increasing investment in reliable transport, the goal could be unachievable.

Tuberculosis is preventable, but, because of an absence of reliable transport, in much of rural Africa people cannot be reached.

Riders for Health provides reliable transport for health professionals in Africa, allowing them



to reach even the most remote communities with vital drugs and care.

Mrs Coleman said: "The world

needs to commit to putting in place the resources to allow health workers to reach every man, woman and child, no matter where they live."

"Reliable transport is at the heart of wiping out tuberculosis in Africa, along with malaria, cholera, polio and all preventable diseases."

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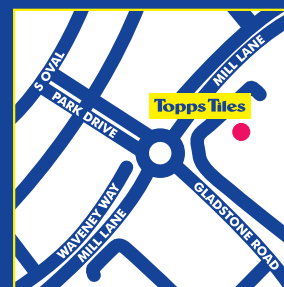
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Senna's car to be sold at auction

THE first car driven by Ayrton Senna in a Formula 1 world championship will be sold at auction later this year.

The Toleman TG-184-2, driven by the three-time world champion in his debut season in 1984, will be offered for sale to the public at the spring sale at Silverstone Auctions in May.

The car, which Senna raced to third in the British Grand Prix held at Brands Hatch and seventh in the Canadian Grand Prix, is best known for the Brazilian's remarkable second place drive in the rain-soaked Monaco Grand Prix that year... a race that was arguably the first to show his remarkable talents to the world.

Nick Whale, managing director of Silverstone Auctions, said: "We are thrilled to bring this iconic race car to auction, as it is undoubtedly one of the most important lots we've ever offered under the hammer."

The spring sale will not be the first time Silverstone Auctions has offered Senna-related lots.

At its first auction of the year, a helmet and race suit used by the Brazilian fetched £74,750 and £35,650 respectively, both consider-

ably more than their pre-sale estimates.

Mr Whale said: "Senna mania is reaching fever pitch, and rightly so, as he's considered by many as the greatest F1 driver we've ever seen."

"It goes without saying this will be one of the star attractions at the sale, as it's a very rare chance to own a much sought-after piece of motorsport and Ayrton Senna history."

Ayrton Senna was killed in a crash at the San Marino Grand Prix on May 1, 1994.

Despite his premature death, the Brazilian is considered by many to be the greatest Formula 1 driver ever.

As well as the Toleman, the Silverstone Auctions spring sale on May 16 will include a range of other race cars, modern sports cars, motorcycles and automobiles.

Other notable early entries include a 1973 Porsche 911 Carrera RS 2.7, estimated to fetch between £190,000 and £210,000.

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F1 team wins legal battle on copies

FORMULA 1 team Force India has won a long-running legal battle with a rival team accused of copying parts of the design of its car... but will have to pay 850,000 euros to the design company at the centre of the dispute.

A case at the High Court in London found some parts created using the Silverstone-based team's confidential information had been used on Team Lotus race cars in the early part of the 2010 season. Team Lotus is now known as Caterham.

Force India was awarded compensation, but will still have to pay outstanding fees owed to Aerolab for work on its car, the judge ruled.

Aerolab had worked with Force India until late July 2009, when the contract was terminated over unpaid fees.

Team Lotus came on board several days later.

On the evidence provided, Mr Justice Arnold settled in Aerolab's favour the dispute over unpaid fees to the sum of 850,000 euros.

He also ruled Force India had come "nowhere near" establishing Aerolab had systematically copied significant parts of Force India's design when designing the Team Lotus T127, but awarded the team 25,000 euros in compensation over the use of its intellectual property rights.

He said: "Such misuse as I have found to have occurred mainly consisted of opportunistic copying of CAD [computer-aided design] files by CAD designers in order to take a short cut."

A separate hearing will be held to determine who will cover legal costs of the trial.

Force India has referred the case to Formula 1's governing body, the FIA, for further examination.

Plan for new Tesco store put on hold

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a Tesco Express in Weedon have been put on hold after a dispute with the highways authority.

The application would have seen the store built on the site of The Globe Hotel on the A5/A45 crossroads and was the subject of a heated debate between members of Daventry District Council's planning committee and the authority's planning officials.

The latter had recommended the plans for approval, but committee members suggested there was a number of concerns surrounding road safety, despite no fears being raised by the Highways Agency.

Councillor Steve Osborne said: "I can't believe the highways authority thinks there is no

problem with this site.

"The A5 is consistently blocked nose-to-tail if the M1 is closed.

"I wonder whether they have come from the Stevie Wonder highways department to make that decision."

Planning officer Keith Thursfield suggested the committee could not use road safety as a reason as the highways department stated there was no issue. If the application had gone to appeal then, then DDC could have incurred costs for behaving irresponsibly.

Councillor Brian Lomax added: "This approach is similar to blackmail. Just because the highways authority has stated this view does not make it right."

A compromise was arranged when it was proposed to defer making a decision until the committee had a chance to

carry out a site visit.

A county council spokesman said: "When assessing any planning application from a highways perspective, proposals are examined against national guidance, taking into account the unique circumstances of the area in question.

"After robust examination, we were satisfied that this planning application allowed safe access to and from the highway.

"A site meeting is being arranged to talk through some of the concerns which have been raised."

The planning setback has been welcomed by villagers.

Chairman of Weedon Bec Parish Council, Stuart Jacks, said: "There are lots of road safety problems on this site, especially with lorries trying to turn right and blocking the A5."



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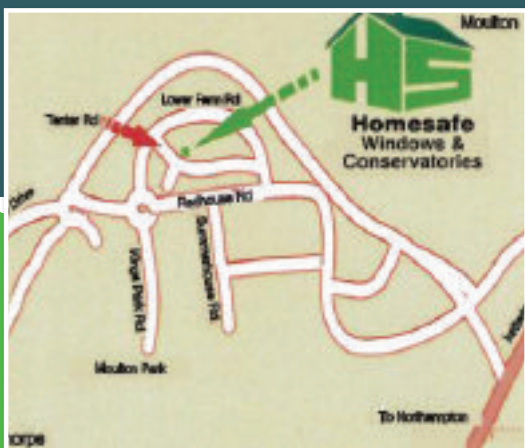
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Entertainment



Life on the High Seas

BRISTOL-BASED Aardman Animations, the Oscar-winning creators of Wallace and Gromit and Chicken Run, discover their sea legs in this salty escapade based on the book by Gideon Defoe.

Five years in the making, The Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists showcases the extraordinary craftsmanship and dedication of director Peter Lord and his team, who have brought this colourful world vividly to life through the painstakingly slow process of stop-motion animation.

Their artistry is astonishing and backgrounds are crammed with de-

tail and sly visual gags that warrant a second or even third viewing.

Defoe's script is peppered with some wry one-liners and a centrepiece chase sequence down the winding staircase of a house is hysterical.

For all its dazzling qualities, there's no escaping a nagging feeling that this madcap voyage drops anchor short of the brilliance of Aardman's earlier works.

It's the mid 19th Century and Queen Victoria (voiced by Imelda Staunton) has declared war on all pirates who dare to sail around Britain's waters.

The Pirate Captain (Hugh Grant) is the leader of a ragtag group of seadogs, whose enthusiasm far exceeds his questionable ability to plunder booty.

His ship-shape subordinates include Pirate with Scarf (Martin Freeman), Pirate with Gout (Brendan Gleeson), Albino Pirate (Russell Tovey) and Surprisingly Curvaceous Pirate (Ashley Jensen), whose glaringly obvious gender is concealed behind a false beard.

Consequently, The Pirate Captain and his crew are a laughing stock, derided by rivals such as Black Bellamy (Jeremy Piven), Cutlass Liz

(Salma Hayek) and Peg Leg Hastings (Lenny Henry).

To prove the naysayers wrong, The Pirate Captain sets out to capture a Bank of England treasure ship but inadvertently storms The Beagle and captures a young Charles Darwin (David Tennant) and his primate manservant, Mister Bobo.

The scientist leads the pirates on a merry dance that might just end with the beleaguered Captain taking home the coveted Pirate Of The Year prize. But first they must venture to the capital without being spotted by the Queen.

The Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists draws on Aardman's trademark visual style and playful sense of humour.

Grant is a snug fit for the mis-guided Captain and supporting cast have fun with their slender roles, including Brian Blessed in suitably bombastic form as the Pirate King.

The script, adapted by Defoe from his book, walks the gang plank of belly laughs and gentle emotion although none of the characters threaten to usurp Wallace and his resourceful pooch in our affections as they sail off into a perfectly animated sunset.

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Entertainment

Ladies' tale of lost dreams

A STAR cast comes to the Royal & Derngate as the latest production from the 2012 Made In Northampton season premieres in Northampton.

Hayley Mills and Belinda Lang star in the heart-warming tale of unfulfilled dreams and unrequited love when the stage premiere of Ladies In Lavender arrives next Friday.

Based on the hit film screenplay by Charles Dance and on the original short story by William J Locke, Ladies In Lavender tells the tale of two sisters Ursula and Janet who live in a close-knit fishing village in picturesque Cornwall, in 1936.

When a handsome and talented young Polish-Jewish violinist bound for America is washed ashore, the Widdington sisters take him under their wing and nurse him back to health.

However, the presence of the mysterious young man disrupts their peaceful lives and the com-

munity in which they live.

Hayley Mills stars as Ursula Widdington in the stage production.

Hayley is from one of Britain's famous theatrical families. Signed to Walt Disney Studio as a child, she has worked extensively in film and on stage.

Her theatre work includes the UK tour of The King And I and Humble Boy, and on television, she appears as Caroline in ITV's Wild At Heart. Playing her sister Janet will be Belinda Lang, who has starred in the West End opposite Dame Judi Dench in Hay Fever and more recently in The Killing of Sister George at the Arts Theatre, and is most well-known on television for 2 Point 4 Children.

The cast also includes Robert Duncan, perhaps best recognised for his role as Gus in the long-running Channel 4 sitcom Drop the Dead Donkey, and Carol Macready

who was recently seen on the Royal stage in JB Priestley's Eden End, directed by Laurie Sansom.

Ladies In Lavender opens in Northampton in a Royal & Derngate co-production with Daniel Schumann and Lee Dean in association with Charles Diamond, before embarking on a national tour.

It has been adapted for the stage by Shaun McKenna and features Nigel Hess' music from the film, which earned him a Classical Brit award.

It takes to the Royal stage from Friday, April 6 to Saturday, April 28, with tickets priced from £28 to £13.

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LA TRAVIATA review

by Nicole Le Marie

IWON'T pretend to be an opera buff. This is only the second time I have been to an opera and I was so far up in the gods the first time, I'm not sure it even counts.

But seeing the Welsh National Opera, perform *La Traviata* at Milton Keynes Theatre on Tuesday, has most definitely given me a new enthusiasm for the genre.

One of the most famous operas of all time Verdi's *La Traviata*, is in excellent hands under the production of David McVicar, who creates a seamless and elegant version of the moving tragedy.

Set in 19th-century Paris, the audience was treated to opulent costumes and sets, where no expense appeared to be spared, to accompany the stunning vocals of his talented cast.

Canadian Joyce El-Khoury made her

European debut in the role of Violetta Valéry; the opera's tragic young courtesan who is cruelly defeated by social convention and her health, as she makes the ultimate sacrifice for love.

El-Khoury's vocal capacity and voice control is quite unlike any I have ever experienced. Even when dealing with notes in the top register she can either belt them out or sink into a gentle pianissimo, all appearing effortless... although I doubt this is the case.

She is also able to imbue the notes with such emotion and drama, that it is hard to suppress tears in her devastating final scene.

Also excellent was Leonardo Capalbo as the besotted Alfredo, who gives an impassioned performance in the male lead, whose acting is as adept as his extraordinary sing-

ing voice.

Extra credit should also be rewarded to him, as he stepped in as a replacement owing to the indisposition of Carlos Osuna, who was originally meant to play the part.

Verdi's score is highly memorable and there are few who would not recognise many of the pieces performed, especially due to their inclusion on several television advertisements, but it is in particularly skilful hands under the company's orchestra and conductor Julia Jones.

A story of passion and inevitable tragedy, it does not end happily, but this is countered by seeing such incredible musical talent, which was entirely uplifting.

The Welsh National Opera company visited the theatre as part of its spring season.



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ROADTEST: Nissan Micra Kuro 1.2 DIG-S

REVIEW BY
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It's all there in black and white



WELL, now I know at least one word of Japanese; 'kuro', meaning black. Make that two words; 'shiro' means white.

They're both names applied to special editions of Nissan's newish, and puzzling, Micra hatchback, and still a pretty rare sight on UK roads.

Actually, its lack of visibility might be as much as product of its looks as reflection on sales success. This latest Micra is a positive shrinking violet compared to the model it succeeded.

That looked distinctive on the outside, with bulging eyes and faintly Noddy car feel, and on the inside, where ivory coloured plastics lent an air of motor show dream car. Not to everyone's taste, but a welcome move from bland and predictable.

The new Micra is forgettable on the outside and a dull interior adds more blandness.

It's well enough put together on its Indian production line and a little lifted by the black paint of this special edition on the outside and splashes of cream plastic on the inside.

Much more interesting is a look under the bonnet, where you'll find a tiddly petrol engine, perked up by the addition of a supercharger. That's basically an engine-driven air pump that makes sure the three little cylinders are packed and ready to go when the spark plugs . . . spark.

The result is a small car with a much larger heart, cleverly arranged so that it will be tiny-car economical if you don't push it and provide the power reserves of something rather larger when you need to move along smartly.

It also slips nicely under the radar of both the London congestion charge and the demands of the road tax authorities.

I expect a driver with a lighter right foot than mine would get nearer the claimed

65mpg, but I count the 53mpg shown on the dashboard trip computer a decent result, considering the fun this little car gave me over more than 600 miles of mixed motoring.

Three-cylinder engines make a lovely distant thrum that never intrudes, but sounds sporty enough to encourage lots of revs before you change up a gear; great fun but not so good when you're trying to save pennies at the pump.

A nimble feel on the road and accurate steering added to the feeling this ordinary looking little car had hidden talents.

This Kuro special edition costs £400 more than the Acenta grade it's based on and adds the special paint, climate control, parking sensors and (very effective) heated front seats. An easily used satellite navigation system costs £400 extra.

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wheels, remote central locking and a radio/CD player. I'd happily ditch the pointless armrest on the driver's seat and gentle illumination of the front door pockets for variable instrument lighting and a steering wheel that adjusted for reach, not just rake.

If that sounds as though the Nissan team charged with equipping the Kuro level car had unusual priorities then there's a simple remedy: as is almost always the case with small cars the less expensive models look the better value.

So you can have the Kuro's interesting mechanical bits in the £11,150 Visia while ditching some of the less useful goodies, but keeping the air con. Sounds like a bargain.

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2010 59 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI (110) ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in panther black/grey cloth, only 17,000 miles by one private owner with full Ford service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, fuel computer, front fog lights, rear parking sensors, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to January 2013. Excellent throughout. .£9995

2010 10 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in moonlight silver metallic/grey cloth only 7,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, front fog lights, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2013. Excellent throughout. .£9495

2009 59 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in panther black metallic/grey cloth, only 16,000 miles with full Ford service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, front seat centre armrest, drivers seat height adjustment, fuel computer, front fog lights, satellite stereo controls, radio/CD. Outstanding value. .£7995

2009 09 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in ocean blue metallic/grey cloth only 14,755 miles YES 14751 by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, 4 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty. Excellent throughout. .£8495

LOW MILEAGE FIESTAS & FUSIONS

2011 11 FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in moonlight silver metallic/grey cloth, only 1600 miles, YES 16001 by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, fuel computer, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2014. Excellent throughout. .£10995

2011 11 FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in moonlight silver/grey cloth only 3,000 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, drivers seat height adjustment, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to May 2014. Good value at only. .£10695

2009 59 FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 3 door 5 speed in moonlight silver/grey cloth, only 13,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, front fog lights, electric windows, remote central locking, fuel computer, heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to September 2012. Excellent throughout. .£8495

2007 57 FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC CLIMATE 5 door, 5 speed in ocean blue/grey cloth, 68,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, 4 airbags, front fog lights, fuel computer, radio/CD. Very good value at only. .£4995

2007 07 FIESTA 2.0 ST 3 door 5 speed in panther black/black & blue ½ leather sports seats, only 42,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, 17" Ford alloy wheels, fuel computer, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Looks well. .£5995

2005 54 FUSION 1.4 2 door 5 speed in tonic blue metallic/grey cloth, only 61,000 miles with excellent service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, 4 airbags, heated front windscreen, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£3695

2000 W FIESTA 1.25 LX 5 door 5 speed in aqua frost metallic/grey cloth only 58,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, sunroof, alloy wheels, electric windows, central locking, drivers airbag, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£1995

2009 58 KIA CE-ED 1.6 95 5 door 5 speed in metallic red/grey cloth only 33,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric mirrors, radio/CD. A very sought after vehicle. .£6495

2006 56 HYUNDAI GETZ 1.4 CDX 5 door 5 speed in metallic silver/grey cloth, only 28,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, 4 airbags, front fog lights, radio/CD. Excellent value at only. .£4495

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2008 08 TOYOTA YARIS 1.8 SR (SPORT PACK) 3 door 5 speed in blue metallic/grey cloth, only 20,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, 17" alloy wheels, climate control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, sports steering wheel, front fog lights, 4 airbags, radio/CD. A fantastic looking Yaris. £6995

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2009 09 FIESTA 1.6 TDCI TITANIUM X 5 door 5 speed in moro metallic/grey cloth, only 27,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, cruise control, air con, front fog lights, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, tinted glass, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Outstanding performance and economy and only £20 per year to tax. .£9995

2009 09 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDI (110) SE 5 door 5 speed in thorium grey metallic/grey cloth, only 13,000 miles by one owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, dual zone automatic air conditioning, cruise control, full panoramic roof, fuel computer, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, leather bound steering wheel, fuel computer, driver & passenger seat height adjustment, rear parcel tray with integral storage compartments, 6 airbags, front fog lights, Quite outstanding. .£4995

2008 58 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDI (90) SPORT 5 door 5 speed in aluminium silver/grey cloth, only 30,000 miles by one lady owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, front seat centre armrest, satellite stereo controls, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Fantastic performance & economy and only £30 per year to tax. .£7995

2008 08 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDI (90) S 5 door 5 speed in onyx black metallic/grey cloth, only 28,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, drivers seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent performance and economy and only £30 per year to tax. .£6995

2008 08 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 HDI LOOK 5 door 5 speed in moonstone metallic/grey cloth, only 21,000 miles with very good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, front fog lights, satellite stereo controls, radio/CD. A very well maintained, very economical vehicle that costs only £30 per year to tax. .£5995

2007 57 VECTRA 1.9 CDTI SRI (150) 5 door 5 speed in star silver/grey cloth only 65,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, cruise control, front fog lights, fuel computer, tailgate spoiler, 6 airbags, radio/CD. A stunning car to both look at and drive. £5995

2007 07 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI ZETEC 5 door 5 speed in sea grey metallic/grey cloth, 73,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen, front fog lights, fuel computer, drivers seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. £5995

2007 07 PEUGEOT 307 1.6 HDI (90) S 5 door 5 speed in aluminium silver metallic/grey cloth, only 55,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, satellite stereo controls, front fog lights, fuel computer, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Quite outstanding. .£5495

2006 56 SKODA SUPERB 1.9 TDI (130) COMFORT 4 door 5 speed in grey metallic/grey cloth only 65,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, cruise control, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, front seat centre armrest, fuel computer, satellite controls, radio/cassette with CD multichanger, 6 airbags and much more. Phenomenal performance and economy for only. .£5995

2004 54 MONDEO 2.0 TDCI GHIA 5 door 6 speed estate car in dark green metallic/grey cloth only 73,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, rear parking sensors, roof bars, front fog lights, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD and lots more on this rare low mileage diesel estate in quite outstanding condition. .£4995

2004 04 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.7 DTI ENVOY 5 door 5 speed in ultra blue/grey cloth only 80,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, rear seat auto system, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Quite outstanding. .£3995

2003 53 HONDA CIVIC INSPIRE 1.7 CDTI 5 door 5 speed in metallic blue/grey cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£2995

2002 02 ROVER 75 TOURER 2.0 CDT CLUB 5 door estate car in burgundy/grey cloth, above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, load space cover, radio/CD and much more in this classic diesel estate car. .£1995

1999 99 PEUGEOT 406 1.9 LX DT 5 door estate car in silver metallic/grey cloth 166,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, tow bar, driver & passenger airbags, radio/cassette. A very clean example, looks and drives very well. .£1295

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2002 52 FORD KA 1.3 3 door 5 speed in pepper red metallic/grey cloth, only 64,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, drivers airbag, radio/CD. Another low mileage ideal starter car for only. .£1795

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2009 58 VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8 DESIGN 5 door 5 speed in sapphire black metallic/grey ½ leather seats, only 5400 miles, YES 54001 by one private owner with full Vauxhall servicing history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, fuel computer, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, satellite stereo controls, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£6995

LOW MILEAGE ASTRA

2010 10 ASTRA 1.6 SE (new model) 5 door 5 speed in black sapphire metallic/grey ½ leather seats, only 18,000 miles by one private owner with full Vauxhall service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, front fog lights, electric heated mirrors, 6 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2013. Cost new today would be over £20,000, so save at least £10,005 on this one at only. .£9995

2005 05 ASTRA 1.6 SE 5 door 5 speed in black sapphire metallic/grey cloth only 19,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, fuel computer, leather bound steering wheel, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to Jan 2013. List price new today is £19915 so save a massive £19920 on this one at our unbeatable price of only. .£4995

2005 05 ASTRA 1.6 BREEZE 5 door 5 speed in star silver/grey cloth, only 47,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, driver seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Quite outstanding. .£4995

2003 03 ASTRA 1.6 CLUB 5 door 5 speed in dark green metallic/grey cloth, above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£1995

2002 52 ASTRA 1.6 CLUB 5 door 5 speed in metallic green/grey cloth only 83,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, central locking, electric windows, drivers airbag, radio/CD. A good car at. .£1995

LOW MILEAGE HONDAS

2002 02 HONDA CIVIC 1.6 SE 5 door 5 speed in low mileage green/grey cloth only 51,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, ABS brakes, radio/cassette. Good value at only. .£2995

1999 Y HONDA CIVIC 1.415 5 door 5 speed in silver metallic/grey cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Very well maintained by its previous owner. .£1495

1999 Y HONDA CIVIC 1.45 4 door 5 speed in dark blue metallic/grey cloth only 74,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, central locking, electric mirrors, drivers airbag, radio/cassette. Excellent throughout. .£1995

4 X 4

2006 06 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN 3.2 Di-D ELEGANCE 5 door automatic in blue metallic/black leather interior, only 64,000 miles with full service history. Fantastic specification includes, POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air conditioning, leather trim to all 7 seats, heated front seats, cruise control, satellite navigation, front fog lights, tailgate spoiler, roof rails, running boards, electric windows, remote central locking with alarm, electric mirrors, wood veneer steering wheel and gear shift lever, electric sunroof, fuel computer, 4 airbags, electric front windows, DVD player, radio/CD with CD autochanger. A fantastic example of this very popular 4X4. .£11995

CLIO

2001 51 RENAULT CLIO 1.2 AUTHENTIQUE 3 door 5 speed in metallic blue/grey cloth, only 84,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, electric windows, central locking, radio/CD. A good starter car at only. .£1995

COMMERCIAL

2003 03 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 HDI 3 door VAN in polar white/grey cloth, slightly above average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, drivers airbag, load space partition, radio/CD. A very handy economical small van. .£1495no VAT

CORSA SECTION

2011 11 CORSA 1.2 SXI 5 door 5 speed in silver lake metallic/grey cloth, mileage 1583 YES 15831 by one owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 8 airbags, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, satellite stereo controls, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to June 2014. List price of these vehicles today is £14400 in a non metallic colour, so save a massive £4905 on these at our unbeatable price of only. .£9495

2009 59 CORSA 1.2 DESIGN 5 door 5 speed in blue/grey cloth, only 2,000 miles, YES 20001 by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 6 airbags, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to December 2012. Save £500's on this one at our unbeatable price of only. .£7995

2009 59 CORSA 1.3 CDTI ECOLEX ACTIVE 5 door 5 speed in moonlight grey/grey cloth, only 39,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 4 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty and only £30 a year to tax. .£7495

2009 09 CORSA 1.4 DESIGN 5 door 5 speed in air blue metallic/grey cloth only 14,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 6 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, satellite stereo controls, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£7495

2009 09 CORSA LIFE 1.3 CDTI 3 door 5 speed in silver lightning/grey cloth only 22,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, electric windows, remote central locking, radio/CD. A very economical car. .£6995

2007 07 CORSA 1.2 CLUB 5 door 5 speed in star silver/grey cloth, only 15,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, driver & passenger airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£4995

2005 05 CORSA 1.2 SXI 5 door 5 speed in black sapphire metallic/grey cloth, only 20,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Quite outstanding. .£7495

AUTOMATICS

2011 60 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.7 CDTI EXCLUSIVE 5 door automatic in oriental blue metallic/grey cloth only 7000 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 6 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, satellite stereo controls, front & rear parking sensors, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to February 2014. The list price of this vehicle today is £21,080 so save a staggering £10,085 on this one at our unbeatable price of only. .£10995

2010 60 VAUXHALL ASTRA 2.0 CDTI (160) SRI 5 door automatic in olive green metallic/grey cloth, sports seats only 4677 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, cruise control, 17" alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, front and rear parking sensors, leather bound steering wheel, front seat centre armrest, fuel computer, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to September 2013. The list price of this vehicle new today is £23,515 in a solid colour so save an unbelievable £10,520 on this one at our unbeatable price of only. .£12995

2010 10 ASTRA 1.6 EXCLUSIVE 5 door automatic in sovereign silver metallic/grey cloth, only 687 miles, YES 6871 by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air conditioning, cruise control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, 4 airbags, drivers seat height adjustment, satellite stereo controls, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to July 2013. Cost new today would be in excess of £19,000, so save at least £9005 on this one at our unbeatable price of only. .£9995

2010 10 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDI 5 door 5 speed automatic in aluminium silver metallic/grey cloth, only 16,000 miles by one private owner. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, satellite stereo controls, driver & passenger seat height adjustment, fuel computer, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty to March 2012. A very well presented and economical automatic vehicle. .£9995

2009 09 HONDA JAZZ 1.4 ES 5 door automatic in premium deep purple/grey cloth, only 23,000 miles by one owner with full Honda service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated retractable door mirrors, drivers seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD. Sold with the balance of the manufacturers warranty. Excellent throughout. .£8995

2009 58 HONDA JAZZ 1.4 SE 5 door automatic in iron grey metallic/grey cloth, only 10,000 miles by one private owner with full Honda service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors, drivers seat height adjustment, paddle gearshift on steering wheel, 4 airbags, radio/CD. As ideal mid range auto. .£7995

2009 58 FIAT GRANDE PUNTO 1.4 ELEGANZA 5 door automatic in blue metallic/black/grey cloth, only 11,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, climate control, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, fuel computer, leather bound steering wheel, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Quite outstanding. .£5995

2008 58 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI TITANIUM X 5 door automatic in sea grey/grey ½ leather seats only 24,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, climate control, cruise control, alloy wheels, front & rear parking sensors, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, alarm, electric heated retractable door mirrors, fuel computer, heated windscreen, front seat centre armrest, front fog lights, 6 airbags, radio/CD, auto-changer and much more in this top of the range executive vehicle. .£11495

2008 58 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5 door automatic in panther black/grey cloth, only 71,000 miles by one private owner with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, front fog lights, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, fuel computer, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, radio/CD and much more, for only. .£7495

2008 08 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 DYNAMIC 5 door automatic estate car in gunmetal grey/grey cloth only 9000 miles by one private owner with full Renault service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, fuel computer, front fog lights, drivers seat height adjustment, 6 airbags, radio/CD. A very versatile estate car in quite outstanding condition. .£5595

2007 57 CITROEN AXI 1.6 SX 5 door automatic in blue metallic/grey cloth only 37,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, cruise control, remote central locking, electric mirrors, 6 airbags, front fog lights, fuel computer, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£4995

2007 07 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI S-LINE 4 door automatic in metallic black/black cloth, only 38,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, dual zone automatic air con, alloy wheels, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, 6 airbags, fuel computer, radio/CD. Performance, economy and bags of style. .£10995

2007 07 FIESTA 1.6 STYLE CLIMATE 5 door automatic in moonlight silver/grey cloth only 37,000 miles with full service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric heated mirrors, heated front windscreen, driver & passenger airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£4995

2006 56 RENAULT MODUS 1.6 DYNAMIC 5 door automatic in silver metallic/grey cloth only 38,000 miles with good service history. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, air con, electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, satellite stereo controls, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Excellent throughout. .£4495

2006 06 ASTRA 1.6 DESIGN 5 door automatic in moonlight grey metallic/grey cloth only 51,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, air con, alloy wheels, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front fog lights, 4 airbags, radio/CD. A very tough looking car. .£9995

2006 58 JAGUAR X16 3.0 4 door 5 speed in blue metallic/very black cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, climate control, cruise control, auto lights, rain sensing wipers, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, wood veneer dashboard and steering wheel, electrically adjustable front seats, fuel computer, 6 airbags, radio/CD and multi-changer. Above average mileage but in quite outstanding condition, priced to sell at only. .£5995

2002 02 VW POLO 1.4 S 3 door automatic in blue/grey cloth only 66,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, electric windows, radio/cassette. A very nice small auto at. .£2995

2000 W ROVER 75 2.0 V6 CLUB 4 door automatic in metallic silver/grey cloth only 66,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio/cassette. A prestige car for only. .£1995

1999 Y TOYOTA COROLLA 1.6 GLS 5 door 5 speed in red metallic/grey cloth, 91,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, radio/CD. A well maintained car at. .£1995

1998 5 TOYOTA AVENTIS 1.8 GLS 5 door automatic in silver metallic/grey cloth, average mileage. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, electric windows, central locking, drivers airbag, radio/CD. A clean example of this popular car. .£1495

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2005 55 HYUNDAI GETZ 1.4 CDX 5 door 5 speed in black/grey cloth, 79,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, air con, alloy wheels, central locking, electric windows, radio/CD. A nicely presented car at only. .£1495

2004 54 ROVER 45 1.6 CLUB SE 4 door 5 speed in metallic silver/grey cloth, 4 electric windows, remote central locking, electric mirrors, front seat centre armrest, satellite stereo controls, drivers seat height adjustment, 4 airbags, radio/CD. Looks fantastic. .£2995

2002 02 HYUNDAI ACCENT 1.5 CDX 5 door 5 speed in Baltic blue/grey cloth, only 87,000 miles. POWER ASSISTED STEERING, ABS brakes, sunroof, 4 electric windows, central locking, driver & passenger airbags, radio/cassette. A very clean vehicle. .£1695

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2006 £3995

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2009

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2002

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Collette & Jamie are proud to welcome their baby boy **Harvey James Bull** born on 25th March at 8.11pm. Grandson for Gary & Julie and Stuart & Caroline. Happy Birthday Gramps. x



18th Birthday



Kirsty Parker

Happy 18th Birthday for Sunday.

Lots of Love and Hugs

Mum, Dad & Chloe x



Kirsty Parker

Congratulations Kirsty
Have a Lovely Day
Love you Lots Nan, Grandad, Uncle Mark, Uncle Darren & Auntie Kirsten x

BRISTOW

Sam & Danielle.
Happy 18th Birthday.

Love from Auntie Lisa, Paul, Jenna & Bec



18th Birthday



BRISTOW Sam & Danielle

Happy 18th Birthday to our special twins. Have a lovely day. Lots of love always.
Mum, Dad & Hayley
x x x

90th Birthday



JESSIE CLARKE

Happy 90th birthday Mum.
Lots of love from
Glynis, Jan, Fiona, Mark
and all our families
xxx

Wedding Anniversaries

Yvonne & Mick Bennett

Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary.

You are the heart of our family
and we love you,
Paula, Gayle & Andrew, Abby,
Lewis & Esme, Scott, Tash &
Brooke, Nellie & Hilda
XXXXXXXXXXXX



Golden Wedding



KITCHENER Tony & Pat

Congratulations on our
Golden Wedding Anniversary.
That was on the 31st March 1962



Terry & Isobel BOTTERILL nee Pearson.

Married
24th March 1962.
Congratulations on
your Golden
Wedding
Anniversary.

Lots of love from all
the family.
x x x

Obituaries

BRADSHAW — Jack
Dearly loved Brother of
Grace. Loved and
remembered always.

BRADSHAW — Jack
Dear old fishing mate of
Fred, Gloria and
Family. Rest In Peace,
tight lines.

BURROWS Patricia

Loving Sister of
Cynthia.
Aunt to Paul, Deb,
Janice, Steve.
You had to leave us,
God only knows
why.
I shall always love
you,
till the day I die.
God bless Pat.
Love Cyn
x x x

DURLING Dennis

Sadly passed away on
6th March 2012.

Funeral service will
be held at the
Counties
Crematorium, on
Thursday 5th April at
11.00am.

You will always live in
our hearts forever.
Maureen, Dionne,
Wayne and families.
x x x

ELDRED

Stanley
Passed away
peacefully on March
27th 2012, aged 97
years.

Beloved Husband of
the late Margaret.
Much loved Dad of
Tony, Peter, Joan,
Shirley, Kevin, Paul
and their respective
partners.
Darling Pap of all his
Grandchildren, Great
Grandchildren and
Great Great
Grandchildren.
Reunited with his
loved ones.

Love you loads Dad.
We will miss you so
much
x x x

EVANS — Ron
Passed away 22 March
2012. Dear Brother-in-
law of Charlie and
Myra. Uncle to Judith,
Dawn and Michael.
After much suffering.
God bless you.

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EVANS

Ron

Passed away March 22 aged 88
after much suffering.

Darling Husband of Eva. Loving Father of Paul
and Grandfather of Raymond. Father-in-law of
Maggie.

I will hold you close within my heart because the
love we had was so very special.
Good night my love. God bless.
Funeral arrangements later.

FRANCIS June Marion

Died peacefully
at home
21st March 2012
aged 67 years

"The light of my life
has gone out"

Your loving
Husband Ron
xxx



FRANCIS June

Passed away at home
21st March 2012

Caring Sister-in-law
to Lily and
loving Auntie to all

God saw you
getting weary
a cure was not to be
He gently
closed your eyes
and whispered
come with me
You didn't deserve
what you went through
and so he gave you rest
God's garden
must be beautiful
for he only
takes the best
xxx

FRANCIS June

Who sadly passed
away on Wednesday
21st March.
Sister-in-law to Tony
and Margaret. Aunt to
John, Julie and
Elizabeth.
R.I.P. now.
God bless.

FRANCIS June

Passed away
21st March 2012.
Dearly loved
Sister-in-law to Joyce,
Aunt to Jim,
Joanne and Michael.
Great Aunt to
Sally and Sarah.
Now at peace.
xxxx

Obituaries

HORTON Joyce Evelyn

Passed peacefully
on 26th March
at Cedarwood
Nursing Home.
To be reunited
with Husband Tom.
Loving Mum to
Tommy and dear
friend to many.

Funeral details to
be announced later.

HORTON Joyce Evelyn

Secretary to
Northampton
White Heather
Blind Social Club.

Dedicated and
much loved.
Forever in our hearts.

KING Colin

From Silverstone.
Suddenly and
peacefully, passed
away at Northampton
General Hospital
on Saturday
10th March 2012.

Forever in our hearts,
sleep well.

Love Nicky, Sam,
Jack, Jean,
Phil and Ellen
XX

The funeral service
is due to be held on
28th March at 12:15pm
at St Michael's
Church, Silverstone,
then to The White
Horse, Silverstone.
All welcome.

PRESTIDGE Isabella

Passed away
peacefully at home on
19th March.

Beloved Daughter of
the late William and
Frances Mundy.
Loving Sister to
Margaret, John, Bill,
Frances, Vicky and
the late Jane.
Also loving Sister in
law and Auntie.

She will be sadly
missed by all.

RICHARDSON George (Known as Jim)

The Funeral Service will be held at
The Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor
on Tuesday 10th April at 10.15am.
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c/o Co-operative Funeralcare,
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George Richardson (Known as Jim).

Passed away peacefully on 20th March 2012.

Adored Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad to
June, Brian, Keith, Evelyn and Families.
Devoted Husband to the late Betty.

To know him, was to love him.
Forever in our hearts
xxxx

KING Annie

21st March 2012 at
N.G.H. Reunited
with Dad, but
leaving behind all
those who love you.
See you later Mum.
All your family.

Acknowledgements Acknowledgements

BREWIN

The family of the
late David Christopher
Brewin would like to
thank everyone who
sent messages of
condolence, attended
the celebration of his
life or made a
charitable donation in
his memory. We very
much appreciate all the
support we have
received.

O'BRIEN

Bridget (Betty)

Tom would like to
thank all relatives,
friends and
neighbours for their
cards, floral tributes
and kindness.
Thank you also to
Hollowells
and Father Floody
for their care and
attention.

MASSEY

Julia, Janet, Mandy, Mark, Hayley and families
would like to thank everyone for the lovely
flowers and cards we received at the very sad
loss of Peter, he would have loved to have seen
all his friends again.

We would also like to thank Dr T Evans and staff
of Clarence Avenue for all their support and care.
The Reverend Malcolm Deacon for the uplifting
service and Kevin Matthews and Staff for the
sympathy and kindness throughout this very sad
time. All the donations for Diabetes UK
are gratefully received.

NICHOLSON

Bill

Cathy and her family would like to thank all
family and friends who attended Bill's Funeral
and for cards, floral tributes and donations for
Cancer Research UK.

It was a great comfort to see so many people
especially work colleagues of Stagecoach
(and United Counties).

Sincere thanks to the staff at N.G.H, Reverend
Ted Hale, Brother-in-law Mick and to
B.Hollowell and Son Funeral Directors for the
kindness and help during this sad time.

PINCKARD

Robert James William (Bob)

Barbara and family wish to thank all relatives,
friends and neighbours for the numerous cards,
messages of sympathy and kind donations
on their sad and sudden loss.

Grateful thanks to the Paramedics,
Police Officers and also Sheila and Danielle
for being there. Special thanks to
Mr Peter Wylie for the wonderful service of
celebration and all who attended.
We are also most grateful to the Staff
at B Hollowell & Son for the kindness,
help and dignity shown throughout.

WINTERBURN

Catherine

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of Aunt Cath.
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by Peter, Maureen,
Richard and
Christine.
God Bless
xxxxx

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TRASLER Leonard

Yvonne and family
would like to thank
most sincerely all
relatives and friends
for their cards, kind
words of sympathy
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sad loss.

A special
thankyou to the
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and Sons and the
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ICCM for their care
and support given to
Len
and his family.

In Memoriam

BRODIE

Bill
Passed away
24th March 2010.
Thinking of you
today and everyday.
We all love and miss
you so much.

Jill and Family.
x

DAGG Betty

Passed away 26th
March 2008 aged 75.
Sweet Jesus take this
message to our dear
Mother up above.
Tell her how we miss
her and give her all
our love.
From your
loving family
x x x

JANJUA — Khalil.
31/03/06. Time Passes
by Khalil, but memories
stay strong.
Miss you lots R.I.P.
Nan, Samina & Family
x x x

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TUCKER Ernest

The family of Ernie
would like to thank
everyone who
attended the funeral,
also for the kind
messages, cards,
flowers and donations
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Also we would like to
thank the Dean for a
wonderful service, the
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their kindness and
professionalism

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Nephews John and
Les for all their hard
work in arranging my
Brothers funeral
which took place on
the 23rd March.

Margaret, Mahmud,
Omar and Katie
SALIH

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MOBBS
Sheila

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From your loving Husband Dennis, Jenny and Richard, Dennis and Vivienne and all your Grandchildren.

NELSON
Mike

10 years since we lost you Mike. Loved and Remembered everyday.

All our love, Rest In Peace. Carrie, Mick and family. xxx

WALTERS
John

Passed away 27.03.2011.

Thinking of you is easy, it comes to us everyday. Missing you is harder, it never goes away.

We remember with love and pride, a dearly loved Husband Dad and Pap to Angela, Lee, Lynn, Sonia, JayJay, Lewis, Garnett, Cydney and Elliott

x x x x x x x x

In Memoriam

O'RIORDAN
Steve

A great Brother Missing you More each day Still lost without you Love Shay x Fond memories of Our much loved Uncle Love Helen, Robin & Joseph x x x

SANDERS — Pete 24th March 2011. Today, tomorrow, my whole life through. I will always love and remember you. Miss you lots. Dawn.

SANDERS — Pete 24th March 2011. Dearly loved Dad and Pap. Never more than a thought away. Kay, Paul, Ken and Family.

SPITTLER — Ethel Mary 29th March 1996. Loving Wife of Charlie, Mother of Brian, Michael and Roger. Forever in our hearts.

Birthday
MemoriesCOX
John

Thinking of you on your birthday.

Loved and missed everyday.

From Wendy

x x

Birthday
MemoriesCLAYTON
Abigail

Thinking of you Abi. What would have been your 11th Birthday. We will cherish the little memories we have of you. Love you forever. Nanny, Pappy, Auntie Jan, Auntie Debbie, Cousin Danielle xxx

SPILLANE
Cath

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Aidy keen on keeping Carlisle



KEY MAN - Clarke Carlisle

COBBLERS boss Aidy Boothroyd has confirmed he would like to sign Clarke Carlisle permanently this summer, but believes the influential defender will have lots of offers from other clubs.

Carlisle has been a huge success at Sixfields after signing on loan from Burnley, bringing an organisation and leadership to a defence that has registered back-to-back clean sheets.

The 32-year-old is out of contract at Turf Moor at the end of the season and Boothroyd will discuss a Town transfer with the defender, who has arguably been the manager's best signing in his short spell in charge of the club.

"Clarke is a terrific guy and I'm

sure he will have lots of offers during the summer," he said. "But I really do believe it is first things first with him.

"He knows me well enough and I know him well enough to know how we both work and he in particular, in the past two games, has been outstanding.

"You need somebody like that on the pitch who is a good organiser and you also need somebody off the pitch who is a good captain and a good leader.

"He is a good role model and he organises other people well. I've got nothing but good things to say about Clarke but because of that he will have offers and we'll have to see

where we are with it at the end of the season."

Boothroyd also confirmed he has already starting making transfer plans for the close season, a period which he thinks could be one of the most important in the modern history of the club.

"Of course I would (like to sign Carlisle)," said the Cobblers boss, who has most of his current starting line-up under contract for next term, the notable exceptions being Michael Jacobs and John Johnson.

"But I'm not asking him every day. I want to get through this season and then we'll have a good chat at the end of it.

"I'll do that with all the players

and then we'll get prepared. A lot of teams are either winding down or going for their objectives at this stage of the season and they are starting to look to next season.

"The close season and the pre-season for this club is going to be huge to make sure we don't find ourselves in the situation we have been in this season."

The Cobblers remained in 18th in npower League Two and five points above the relegation zone thanks to a 0-0 draw with Plymouth Argyle in front of a crowd of more than 6,700 at Sixfields.

Town are back on the road on Saturday when they travel to Crewe Alexandra (ko 3pm).

Saints are stunned by big Hartley ban

SAINTS skipper Dylan Hartley says he will study the written judgement before deciding whether to appeal his eight-week ban for biting.

A Six Nations disciplinary panel found Hartley guilty of biting Ireland flanker Stephen Ferris's finger, but gave him the lowest suspension possible.

The low entry point for the offence is 12 weeks, but the panel chaired by Wales Rugby Union's Roger Morris cut it to eight. It is understood Ferris admitted at the hearing that he had his finger in Hartley's mouth before being bitten.

The England hooker has 48 hours to appeal the decision after being ruled out of Saints' Premiership run-in.

Though his ban ends on May 14, so if Saints reach the Premiership final Hartley will be free to play in it.

It also means Hartley can go on England's tour of South Africa at the end of May. It is strange that the incident occurred during the Six Nations, but it is Saints and not England that feel the force of the ban.

Hartley, who will no doubt be gutted to miss Saints' run-in, said: "I am disappointed by the result and I will wait for the written judgement as to how the panel came to

their conclusion. I now have to put it behind me and focus on supporting Saints in training and off the field."

The ban is a blow for Saints, who are down to their final two hookers and will be without their captain for the final four months of the season after eight weeks of international duty.

That is coupled with losing Hartley for the World Cup and so far he has played just 15 times for Saints this season.

In a short statement from Saints director of rugby Jim Mallinder said: "We are disappointed that Dylan has been suspended, especially at a crucial part of the season."

England forwards coach Graham Rowntree, who attended the hearing to support Hartley, said: "It is unfortunate for Dylan and Northampton, especially as he was in good form during the Six Nations, and he has developed as a player and a leader.

"However, we are looking forward to him being available for the tour to South Africa."

England take on South Africa in three Test matches on June 9, 16 and 23.

Hartley's ban means he will miss Saturday's Aviva Premiership match at Bath (ko 5.30pm).

Saints are still fourth and on course for the play-offs thanks to a comprehensive 32-15 win over Wasps at Franklin's Gardens.



LONG SPELL ON THE SIDELINES - Dylan Hartley has been banned for eight weeks

